



Smoke Free Policy

Introduction

This policy has been devised in consultation with staff, governors, parents/carers and students. The Somerset Stop Smoking Services and the Smoke Free Somerset Alliance supports the policy.

Rationale

- Research shows that almost a quarter of young people are regular smokers by the age of 15.
- Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children.
- Approximately 114,000 smokers a year die in the UK, that's 300 a day.
- People are harmed by second hand smoke, e.g. lung cancer and childhood respiratory disease, heart disease, cot death, middle ear disease and asthmatic attacks in children.
- Schools have a role to play in working towards a smoke free society.
- All young people need to receive clear, consistent messages about the dangers of smoking.

Aims

- This school aims to be a health promoting organisation
- This school aims to protect staff, young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke
- This school will raise awareness of the dangers of smoking through the Personal Social and Health Education Programme
- This school will help smokers to quit.
- This school will set out how it is making progress to comply with the new Health Act (2006), which bans smoking in all workplaces and enclosed public places

Content

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises, building or grounds (including exits to the site and in vehicles).
- This applies to teaching and non teaching staff, students, visitors and contractors and includes visits/school trips and out of hours activities and for community use.
- Staff and the PSHE Co-ordinator will ensure smoking related topics are part of the curriculum, and extra curricula work through

PSHE lessons

Core and foundation subjects

Assembly/tutorial times

Circle time (KS 1,2)

Literacy/numeracy lessons (KS1,2)

Health Week

Communicating the policy

- Staff will be informed at recruitment in staff handbooks and through the health and safety policy

- Clearly worded signs will be sited. Details will be included in hire agreements for any rooms or sports facilities
- Details will be available in service specifications for contractors
- Information will be included in the school prospectus and website.

Information about the policy to be shared with the pupils as age appropriate

- The policy has been discussed by the School Council
- Staff recognise a duty of care to support pupils who smoke and help them break the habit.
- Help will always be provided to those pupils who want advice
- If a student is caught smoking the following actions will be taken

Awareness session on dangers of smoking.

Letter home to parents

Monitoring and evaluation

- This policy is available to view on request.
- The monitoring will be carried out through an annual review involving staff, students, parents and governors.
- Ultimate responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Head Teacher.

Review

Target review date-----

Date reviewed-----

Signed-----

Position held-----

Date-----

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